

WEMBDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of Wembdon Parish Council held at Wembdon Village Hall on **21st August 2017** that commenced at **7.30pm** when the following business was transacted.

Present: Cllr M Solomon (Chairman), Cllr J Hall, Cllr N Harrison, Cllr J Jackson, Cllr J Riddle, and Cllr R Webber.

District Cllrs A Bown, L Duddridge, J Slocombe and I Dyer plus approximately 50 members of the public.

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86.17 To receive any apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs D Gliddon, A Reed, T Travis and J Woods.

87.17 To receive declarations of any pecuniary, prejudicial or personal interests on items relating to this agenda.

No declarations were received.

88.17 To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 17th July 2017.

It was resolved to approve the minutes as a correct record.

The Chairman signed the minutes as being a correct record of the meeting.

89.17 To discuss the application for a new premises license at Greenway Farm, 5 Skimmerton Lane, Wembdon TA5 2AX

A long discussion took place. The applicant and two members of the public spoke in favour of the application. Seven members of the public spoke against the application.

The Avon and Somerset Police licensing officer said that no reports of noise nuisance had been reported to the Police or SDC in the last two years. Many members of the public challenged this, saying that when they had tried to report noise disturbance within the last two years both the Police and SDC had each said that the other body was responsible for recording the complaint.

It was resolved to object to the application (5 in favour, 1 abstention) on the following grounds:

- i) Skimmerton Lane is very narrow and is not able to cope with the number of vehicles attending events at Greenway Farm. Extra vehicles cause a road safety hazard.

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- ii) Loud and intrusive sound from live and/or amplified music is being heard in large areas of Wembdon when events take place. The noise can be especially disturbing to residents who live close to Greenway Farm. This is a significant disturbance on a quiet evening.

The Councillors stated their concerns that reports of noise disturbance had been reported to the Police and SDC, but these reports do not appear to have been recorded. The Councillors found this to be disturbing.

90.17 To discuss the following planning application:

51/17/00016. Greenway Garage, Quantock Road, Wembdon TA5 2AX. Development of existing petrol station including the proposed erection of a sales building, forecourt, carport and car wash on site of existing (to be demolished) and installation of new underground fuel tanks.

The owner of the garage addressed the meeting. A long debate took place.

It was resolved to object to the application (5 in favour, 1 abstention) as this garage is situated on a section of highway where the road levels effectively conceal cars leaving the Skimmerton Road junction and it is not believed that the proposed visibility splays and right turn lane will remove this danger. It was also noted that whilst there may be an expectation that speed limits may be reviewed along this section of highway, currently traffic can travel legally at 60mph and frequently exceed this speed. The Parish Council relies on the comments it made in February 2015 when this application was previously debated, i.e. *The Parish Council is supportive of something positive being done to an ever deteriorating site but has strong reservations about the safety of the crossroads next to the proposed development, which is a known accident black spot. A 60mph speed limit along this stretch of road is thought to be too fast for the amount of traffic which would be entering and leaving this development. This is the sole issue which prevents Wembdon Parish Council being able to support the application.*

91.17 To note the following planning decisions:

51/17/00012/STP. 79 Wembdon Hill, Wembdon, Bridgwater, TA6 7QA. Retrospective application for the erection of combined shed/home office, replace existing timber garden shed, and installation of timber decking on site of existing patio area. **GRANTED.**

51/17/00013/DRT. Rose Barn, Hollow Lane, Wembdon. Certificate of lawfulness for the existing use of land for purposes incidental to the residential use of Rose Barn. **GRANTED.**

51/17/00014/JAB. Blue Atlas Cedar Trees (t6) & (t7), 8, The Laurels, Wembdon, Bridgwater, TA6 7QH. Shorten longer side branches by max. 1m of T6 and removal of two lowest branches of T7. **GRANTED.**

51/17/00015/CS. The Cider Barn, Moores Lane, Wembdon, Bridgwater, TA5 2BB. Erection of a single storey extension to rear (SE) elevation and erection of a single storey extension to front (NW) elevation. **WITHDRAWN.**

The decisions were noted.

92.17 Date of next meeting: 11th September 2017

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Signature of Chairman